

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 2.6% (3,012) of these admissions reside in the Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District. 1% (37) of admissions from the Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District reported the following characteristics:

- 74% were male and 26% were female.
- 51% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 85% were white non-Latino, 6% were black non-Latino, 7% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 61% were never married, 14% were married, and 26% reported not to be married now.
- 22% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 28% had more than high school education.
- 27% were employed.
- 12% were homeless.
- 41% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	60%	19%	9%	3%	4%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, including the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003 Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	3,242	2,871	848	501	531	349	258
FY '96	3,075	2,716	844	561	481	389	232
FY '97	3,166	2,783	908	570	479	420	217
FY '98	3,541	3,068	1,054	617	481	584	384
FY '99	3,418	2,876	1,049	626	498	607	375
FY '00	3,707	3,110	1,065	607	499	786	467
FY '01	3,516	2,919	881	466	433	691	443
FY '02	3,425	2,803	949	562	425	802	452
FY '03	3,012	2,427	880	573	514	714	491

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Hampshire and Franklin Senatorial District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

